

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for enhancing the sound of a musical instrument, comprising:  
an acoustically reflective element adapted to be placed on the floor underneath a musical instrument such that sound waves from the musical instrument which strike the reflective element are reflected upward, thereby enhancing the sound of the musical instrument.
2. An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein said reflective element is a disk shaped element.
3. An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein said reflective element is shaped as one of a circle, a square, a rectangle, an oval, a hexagon, an octagon, or a half-circle.
4. An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein said reflective element enhances at least one of the crispness and the brightness of the sound.
5. An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein said reflective element increases the apparent volume of the sound.
6. An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein said reflective element is comprised of one of stainless steel, aluminum, copper, brass, wood, or hard plastic.
7. An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the musical instrument comprises a percussion instrument.
8. An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the musical instrument comprises a drum.
9. An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the instrument comprises one of a xylophone, a chime, a cymbal, a gong, a triangle, or tambourine.

10. An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:  
a protective band around a perimeter of said reflective element.
11. An apparatus in accordance with claim 10, wherein said protective band comprises one of soft plastic, rubber, cloth, or wood.
12. An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein said reflective element has a rounded edge.
13. An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein said reflective element is 1/8 of an inch thick or less.
14. A method for enhancing the sound of a musical instrument, comprising:  
placing an acoustically reflective element on the floor underneath a musical instrument such that sound waves from the musical instrument which strike the reflective element are reflected upward, thereby enhancing the sound of the musical instrument.
15. A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein said reflective element is a disk shaped element.
16. A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein said reflective element is shaped as one of a circle, a square, a rectangle, an oval, a hexagon, an octagon, or a half-circle.
17. A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein said reflective element enhances at least one of the crispness and the brightness of the sound.
18. A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein said reflective element increases the apparent volume of the sound.

19. A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein said reflective element is comprised of one of stainless steel, aluminum, copper, brass, wood, or hard plastic.
20. A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein the musical instrument comprises a percussion instrument.
21. A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein the musical instrument comprises a drum.
22. A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein the instrument comprises one of a xylophone, a chime, a cymbal, a gong, a triangle, or tambourine.
23. A method in accordance with claim 14, further comprising:  
providing a protective band around a perimeter of said reflective element.
24. A method in accordance with claim 23, wherein said protective band comprises one of soft plastic, rubber, cloth, or wood.
25. A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein said reflective element has a rounded edge.
26. A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein said reflective element is 1/8 of an inch thick or less.